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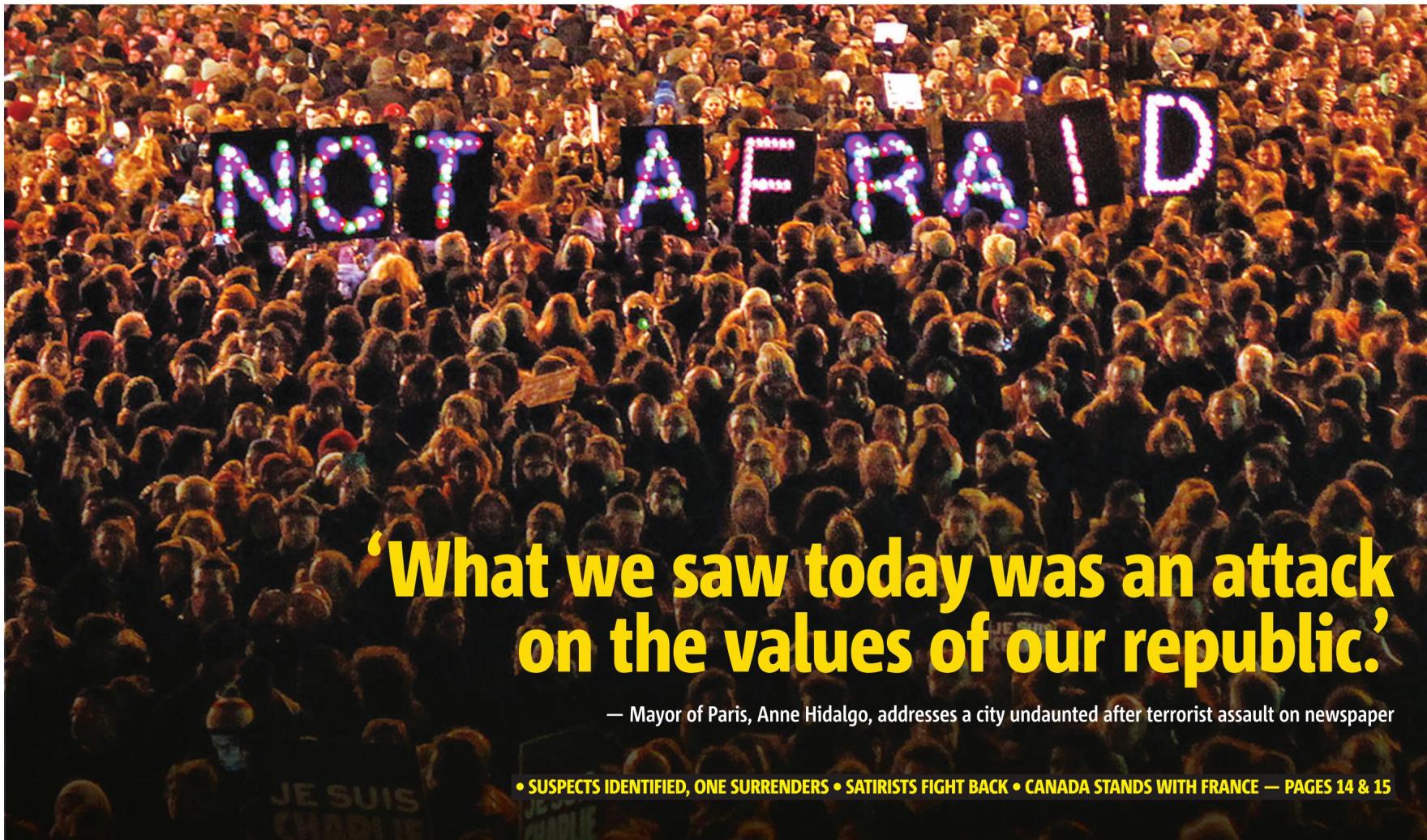
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James Paul. Accused in child attack makes court appearance

A member of an Alberta reserve says people in the community are still angry and in shock following an attack on a six-year-old girl a few days before Christmas.

The man accused of the crime, James Clifford Paul, made his first court appearance Wednesday in Stony Plain, west of Edmonton.

Paul faces charges of attempted murder, aggravated sexual assault and kidnapping.

The 21-year-old appeared briefly on closed-circuit television. The case was put over to Jan. 14 at the request of defence lawyer Arnold Piragoff.

"It's ugly. It's horrible. It's really hard to accept what happened," a woman from Paul First Nation later said outside the courthouse. "When you think about it, you kind of stop breathing for a while.... It's so hard to accept that it happened right at home."

The woman said she's related to both the girl and the accused and went to court to show support for the two families. A publication ban prevents identification of the child and her family.

RCMP have described the attack as "horrible" and said the suspect knew the girl.

Relatives said she was found lying naked in the snow on the reserve Dec. 20. She was near death and flown to the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton, where she remained unconscious for several days.

The girl's grandfather also attended court Wednesday. He said she remains in hospital and may have suffered brain damage. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

More collisions mean more work for police

Save by spending?

Councillor says it makes sense 'in theory' that investing in clearing snow will lead to fewer accidents, less time policing crash sites



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Over the last 12 months on record, Calgary saw an average of one car crash every 11 minutes.

Over 12 hours on Tuesday, there was a crash every three minutes and 45 seconds.

That's according to data compiled by Calgary police, who say it's not uncommon for the first major snowfall of the season to bring with it a major spike in reported collisions.

"What I've found over the years is that when the snow first falls, people have — for whatever reason — a hard time adjusting to that," traffic-section Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey said. "We always see a larger number of collisions."

Subsequent snowfalls tend to see fewer crashes, he added, as drivers get used to the conditions.

"It really normalizes over the course of the winter as people start to adjust," Stacey said.

Each reported collision — even a minor one that doesn't require officers to attend the scene of a crash — results in multiple man-hours of work for police, Stacey said, between collecting driver and witness



Police attend the scene of collision involving a van and a C-Train in January 2014. The city often sees a spike in collisions after the first major snowfall of the winter, says Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey. **METRO FILE**

statements, administration, data entry and filing.

"If you follow the trail, one report creates a lot of work," he said.

Coun. Sean Chu, a former police officer who has handled collision reports himself, said the process is indeed time-consuming, and the city might save money on policing if it spent more on clearing and sanding roads, but it's hard to say for sure.

"If you invest more on the plowing, in theory, you assume there would be less accidents," he said. "I don't know if we have any evidence of that but,

in theory, it makes sense."

The question, Chu added, is how much the extra spending on road-clearing would save on policing.

Stacey said that's "almost impossible" to answer definitively, but given how "enormous" Calgary is, significantly improving road conditions city-wide would come with an equally significant cost.

"I'm not sure what the trade-off would be versus going through what we seem to go through every year, and that's a large number of collisions at the beginning and then it seems to level off," Stacey said.

By the numbers

Over the last 12 months of available data (October 2013 to September 2014), 47,229 collisions were reported to Calgary police — that works out 129 per day, on average.

- From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays (when about 10 centimetres of snow fell on the city), there were 193 reported collisions.

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Sunridge Mall

Man charged after attempted carjackings

Police say they have laid several charges against a man who was attempting to carjack vehicles outside of Sunridge Mall on Tuesday evening.

A news release from the Calgary Police Service explained that at about 7:15

p.m., they were called to the area for an attempted carjacking.

Police say a suspect allegedly tried to steal "several cars" by threatening drivers as they were getting in or out of their vehicle.

At one point, police say several citizens confronted the man who pepper-sprayed the group in an attempt to flee.

The man then ran into the mall where he was met

by security guards. Police say he then travelled back to the mall parking lot, again attempting to open car doors.

Security managed to hold the accused until police arrived.

Forty-year-old Carmen Lawrence Briault is facing charges including assault with a weapon, robbery and possession of a weapon or imitation for a dangerous purpose.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Sticky situation

Crews clean up glue after derailment

Emergency crews are cleaning up spilled glue from a 23-car train derailment in east-central Alberta.

The CN cars carrying a variety of freight came off the rails about 160 kilometres east of Edmonton near Wainwright. There are

no reports of injuries.

A CN release says environmental teams are cleaning up liquid adhesive released from one of the cars, the only one to have spilled its contents.

The 114-car train was on its way to Saskatoon from Edmonton when it derailed.

CN says the train was inspected numerous times before it left the station.

An investigation is ongoing.

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Car stolen

Baby found safe

Edmonton police have found a baby girl safe in a stolen car that her mother had left running and unlocked.

When she reported the car stolen police swooped into the area and found the vehicle as a man ran away. Officers tracked the man down and arrested him.

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Suspect's ex-partner

Strathmore murder victim identified

Strathmore RCMP said the female victim of a murder was in a previous relationship with the man now charged in her death.

Glenn Randall, 52, was arrested and charged with first degree murder in the death of 49 year-old Brenda Walker. Walker was found dead in her Strathmore residence after a 1 a.m. call to RCMP Tuesday.

Although still unclear, RCMP have suggested Walker called 911 herself as she was the only person found in the home.

Walker and Randall had been in a previous relationship, police said. Walker ended that relationship in late 2014. There was no previous reported history of domestic violence to the Strathmore RCMP.

Randall has been scheduled to make his first appearance in court on Jan. 20 in Strathmore.

Police are asking anyone with more information to contact the Strathmore RCMP at 403-934-3968 or Crime Stoppers.

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Calgarians stand in solidarity

'They can be proud of themselves.' Scores gather at vigil for murdered Charlie Hebdo journalists

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More than 100 people, many from Calgary's French community, gathered outside city hall Wednesday to stand in solidarity with the at least 12 people killed at the offices of the Charlie Hebdo satirical news magazine in Paris, and vow to carry on the ideals of their work.

"Today is a very sad day and we felt the need to get together to show our solidarity, to show our support with the victims in France," organizer Fanny Ratisseau said.

"They knew they were threatened but they said, 'I won't get on my knees ... I will stand up for my freedom of speech,'" she added. "They got killed doing their jobs, but they can be proud of themselves."

Marie Melotte, whose husband is French and whose

parents are originally from Mauritius, a former French colony, said she couldn't begin to understand what motivated the attackers.

"There's nothing to understand in it. There's nothing to justify in it," Melotte said. "These people thought that by killing people, they would kill the newspaper, but you don't kill freedom of expression like that.... The ideas that this newspaper put forward outlive the people that were involved."

Charlie Hebdo raised the ire of some Islamic extremists by publishing caricatures of the prophet Muhammad. Its offices were firebombed in November 2011 and its editor, Stephane Charbonnier, has received numerous death threats, but the magazine has refused to shy away from satirizing any topic — or religious figure.

Calgary-Centre MP Joan Crockatt, herself a former journalist, described the attack as an "outrage" and "barbaric act" and thanked people at the vigil for attending.

"All of you are doing a very important thing by being out here tonight to show your support for the families and



Calgarians held signs reading "Je Suis Charlie" (I am Charlie) and "Nous sommes tous Charlie" (We are all Charlie) during a vigil outside city hall Wednesday in solidarity with the 12 people killed at the Paris office of satirical news magazine Charlie Hebdo. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

to show that you are united in telling the world that we will not bow to terrorist acts," Crockatt told the crowd.

Roy Klassen is the honorary consul for France in Calgary, a voluntary position in

the city, where there is no official French consulate.

He was at the vigil Wednesday and didn't hesitate to describe the Charlie Hebdo journalists as heroes.

"I think they're courage-

ous people who set aside their own comfort and safety to express their ideas in what they thought was a safe place to do so, and put down their lives for freedom of the press," Klassen said.

Guerilla-style exhibition invades public spaces



Blackfoot, by Brittnie Bear Hat, features a photo of the artist's ancestors from the eponymous tribe in formal regalia overlaid with a photograph of the Blackfoot Trail and Glenmore Trail intersection. It is installed on a billboard near the site of the photo. CONTRIBUTED

Artists are taking over public spaces in Calgary, some whispering with small political statements, others pointing out social injustices on unavoidable billboards.

The 2014 Calgary Biennial exhibition isn't happening in a gallery. There aren't hours of operation, or artist statements written on the walls.

Instead, this \$20,000 grant-funded project is taking place on city streets, bus shelters and in unexpected

public spaces.

"From the beginning it's kind of been a tongue-in-cheek endeavour," curator Steven Cottingham said. "I kind of wanted to demonstrate the public realm doesn't have to be this space for ads or information or future property developments."

Cottingham likened the concept to graffiti — art that can't wait and has an urgency behind it.

The underlying theme for the exhibition follows

lines of racial and LGBTQ issues, he said, exposing what artists see as society's blunders.

You may have noticed some of the exhibits already — giant billboards usually reserved for advertisements on your daily commute, suspect-looking City of Calgary public notice printouts, or the threads tied around fingers of statues.

But if you haven't yet spotted the works of the Calgary Biennial, you're not alone.

"I want to believe people are noticing, but really I can't tell, other than my own social circle," Cottingham said. "And I sort of like the idea that it's not a very clearly delineated event."

The three-month project features works of 16 artists and groups. It started Dec. 1 and will continue until March 31.

To keep up to date with the project, follow the Facebook group at facebook.com/calgarybiennial.

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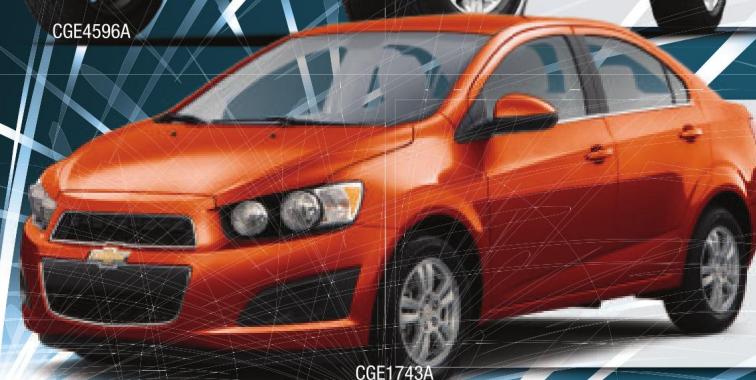
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Best Bets

Check out these upcoming shows on the weekend

- Friday: Urinetown, presented by Front Row Centre at the Beddington Heights Community Arts

T.S. Eliot. Complex poem takes centre stage

In 1922, American poet T.S. Eliot published a piece that captivated a generation of youth so deeply affected by World War I.

Written as a reaction to The Great War, Eliot's The Waste Land is a sprawling, complex poem that became hugely influential in British literature and is considered one of modern poetry's most important works. However, it has rarely been performed on stage.

But complicated material has never deterred the One Yellow Rabbit (OYR) theatre company. In fact, director Blake Brooker was eager to take on the challenge of bringing the poem to life as part of OYR's latest production, What the Thunder Said, which runs Jan. 13 to 30 at Big Secret Theatre.

"People say it's impenetrable," Brooker says. "And it is difficult, but once you live with the thing for awhile, it reveals itself. It's like an archeological dig, going back to this piece that used to be so famous and thinking, 'Does it have resonance now?'"

What the Thunder Said was originally meant to be part of a massive World War I centennial project involving theatre companies from across Europe and North America. The companies were asked to create works that tried to answer the questions, "What, if anything, has society learned from WWI, and what remnants of that terrible war still exist today?"

The project was shelved in 2013, but Brooker says the One Yellow Rabbit troupe found the subject fascinating and decided to continue developing their idea, which evolved into a triptych, featuring text, a wordless movement segment and a performance of the poem.

"The more we looked at it, the more we thought, 'Okay, a performance can be arranged with The Waste Land as a focal point to examine larger concepts and issues in a theatrical fashion,'" Brooker says.

LISA WILTON/FOR METRO

Centre. This popular musical satire, which premiered on Broadway in 2001, takes aim at bureaucracy, politics and corporate deviousness with some catchy songs and memorable characters.

- Saturday: Celtic Jam for the Cure at the Ship &

Anchor Pub. The annual cancer-cure fundraiser features a silent auction and music by Nova Scotiables, Spencer Jo and Firewood.

- Sunday: Cat Scratch Comedy at Vern's Tavern. Check out stand-up and improv from some of Calgary's best comedians and up-and-coming talent.

- Sunday: Banff Film Fest World Tour. The best films from the 2014 Banff Mountain Film Festival will be screened at the University of Calgary until Jan. 17. The kickoff matinee and evening program features shorts about hiking, surfing, skiing, mountain culture and more. LISA WILTON/FOR METRO



Peterborough, Ont., actor and musician Beau Dixon brings the story of Nova Scotia miner Maurice Ruddick to the Lunchbox Theatre stage in Beneath Springhill. Ruddick helped save the lives of several miners during the Springhill Mining Disaster of 1958. CONTRIBUTED

Miner's tale comes to life in HPR play

Beneath Springhill.

Play based on the true story of man who was trapped for nine days after a subterranean tremor collapsed shafts in Springhill Mine

High Performance Rodeo

The 29th Annual High Performance Rodeo runs through Feb. 1 at various venues downtown. Go to www.hprodeo.ca for more information and to purchase tickets.

known as a "bump," collapsed shafts in the Springhill Mine.

The father of 12 sang songs to help keep his fellow miners' spirits up. After he and other survivors were rescued, Ruddick became a celebrity and was named Canadian of the Year.

Although racism reared its ugly head in the months and years following Ruddick's mine escape (he was offered a free vacation to Jekyll Island in Georgia, but when the segregationist governor realized Ruddick was black, the miner was almost disinherited), Dixon instead chose to focus on Ruddick's heroism and the positive impact he made on the community.

"It was just a fascinating story, the fact that he did a very heroic deed," says Dixon.

"Not because he was looking to be a hero but because he was acting on instinct and just wanted to see his family again."

musician who wrote and stars in the 45-minute musical drama, which runs from Jan. 12 to 24 at Lunchbox Theatre as part of the High Performance Rodeo.

"I knew if these guys didn't like it, I'd have to start over."

Thankfully for Dixon, the audience loved it, and he's performed the play several times since its premiere in 2013.

Beneath Springhill is based on the true story of Ruddick, an African-Canadian who was trapped for nine days after a subterranean tremor, also

"I was having a mild heart attack," says the actor and

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Alberta's renovated Federal Building to take staff, MLAs starting in February

After six years, four premiers and an estimated cost of \$375 million, the Alberta government is set to start moving people into the renovated historic Federal Building.

Dave Prisco, spokesman for Alberta Infrastructure, said Wednesday that final tests and fixes are underway on the building, located a stone's throw from the legislature. Staff are to

begin moving in Feb. 1.

"We've taken it over, but they're still doing interior work," said Prisco.

The building made national headlines last year when it was revealed former premier Alison Redford's office had ordered revisions to transform the top floor into a penthouse retreat for Redford and her daughter.

The penthouse came to light

shortly after Redford resigned last March amidst a party and caucus revolt.

The top floor has been returned to its original configuration. The refurbished 1950s, 11-floor structure will be the work space for 600 people, including opposition MLAs and government backbenchers.

Work began in 2009 at a cost of \$356 million, but it

proved to be a controversial and expensive renovation that absorbed millions of dollars in cost overruns.

The renos were scaled back to \$275 million as the province grappled to balance the budget before increasing costs to the current \$375-million estimate.

The building was initially expected to open in the fall of 2011. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



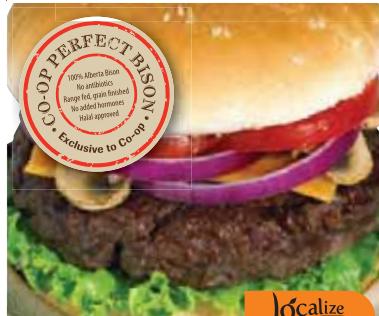
Calgary police released these security-camera images of a break-in at Women In Need Society (WINS). **CONTRIBUTED**

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WINS seeks help after \$10K stolen

Community support.

Non-profit women's group looking for donated items, cash, in wake of Christmas-time burglaries

Suspects

Police believe the thieves in all three break-ins are the same people. All are described as Caucasian, one about five-foot-four in height, the other two about six feet tall.

- Unknown identities. All three wore balaclavas over their faces, and it's unclear whether they are male or female.

- Police investigation. Anyone with information about the break-ins or the suspects can call police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

meet basic needs."

This week, she said WINS received two major donations to help make up the loss — one from a donor who wished to remain anonymous for now and another from a local furniture store.

McArthur Fine Furniture has offered to deliver us a big truckload of furniture and household items within the next two weeks that we'll be able to sell in our thrift stores," she said. "So that's a big donation for us."

WINS is also accepting online cash donations and asking Calgarians to continue donating "gently used, good-quality" items for resale in its thrift stores.

"We generate 75 per cent of our operating revenue here through sales in our thrift stores," Dickson said.



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Robbed of about \$10,000 in cash at a time of year when donations typically slow down, Calgary's Women In Need Society (WINS) is seeking support from the community and has received several major boosts so far.

The non-profit organization that helps women through a variety of programs and services saw three of its buildings broken into in late December, just after Christmas.

Thieves made off with a safe in the first break-in and keys to the other buildings that they used in the two subsequent break-ins, according to police, who have put out a public call for help in identifying three culprits caught on surveillance camera.

WINS executive director Laura Dickson said "the biggest loss" was the cash that was stolen.

"It sets us back in terms of what we're going to be able to accomplish in January," she said. "We use that cash to fund our programs and services that we deliver through our family resource centres, so that's helping women and their families

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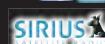
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Natural gas

Energy East pipeline only reliable option, says Quebec board

Quebec's energy regulator came out in favour of the Energy East pipeline on Wednesday, calling the TransCanada Corp. project "desirable."

The company is aiming to link up to 1.1-million barrels a day of Alberta crude

to export terminals and refineries in Quebec and New Brunswick through the pipeline.

For about two-thirds of the way, an existing segment of natural-gas pipe would be converted to oil service, with new pipe to be built through Quebec and New Brunswick.

Reaction against the project has emerged on various issues, including the need to protect a beluga habitat in Quebec's St. Lawrence River,

where plans to build one export terminal have been put on hold.

There are also concerns about the impact of the pipe conversion on gas consumers in Central Canada.

The Regie de l'énergie estimates the demand for natural gas in Quebec will grow by about two per cent annually between now and 2030 and that the only reliable option is to buy gas from outside Quebec and bring it into the province

via TransCanada's network.

It also stated that shale gas in Quebec and natural gas from Anticosti Island "cannot be considered reliable supply options ... notably because of issues related to economic viability, the environment and social acceptability."

The energy regulator did not look into the route of the pipeline or study the potential environmental consequences of the project.

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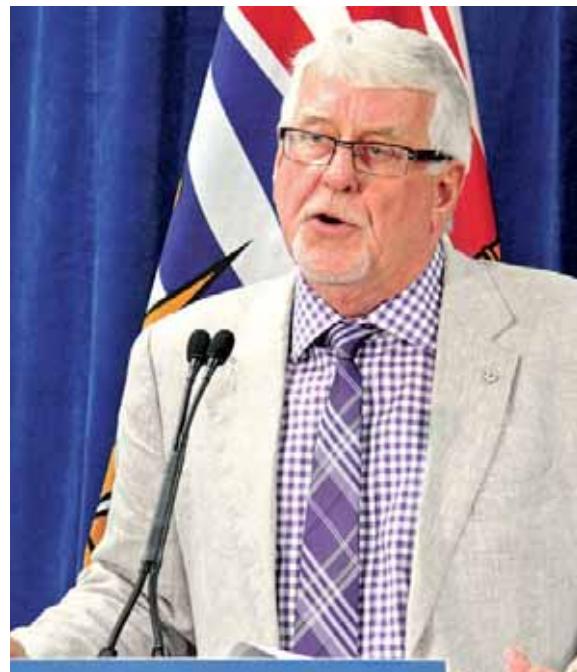
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Dr. Perry Kendall is disappointed by calls from B.C. Nurses' Union president Gayle Duteil for the province to revise a health-care worker flu-shot policy because the vaccine is less effective this year. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO FILE

B.C. top doc defends flu shot policy

Effectiveness. Chief medical officer calls argument of nurses union chief 'illogical'



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British Columbia's top doctor is speaking out against calls from the B.C. Nurses' Union to revise the province's mandatory flu-shot or mask policy for health-care workers.

Chief medical officer Dr. Perry Kendall says he is "disappointed" by calls from union president Gayle Duteil for the government to change the policy, especially when the circulating H3N2 strain is hitting seniors so hard.

"It makes no sense to me," Kendall told Metro. "We should be doing everything in our power as health-care workers to protect those vulnerable people."

The policy was launched by the B.C. government in 2012, making it mandatory for health-care workers at publicly funded facilities to get a flu shot

or wear a mask to help protect patients. Similar policies are in place in more than a dozen hospitals in Ontario and a health authority in New Brunswick.

Duteil's comments come as influenza is hitting Canada hard this year due to a virus that has "genetically drifted" from the H3N2 strain covered by this year's vaccine. As a result, this year's flu shot offers an estimated 40 per cent protection instead of the typical 80 per cent.

While the union supports immunization, Duteil said health-care workers should be able to rely on frequent hand washing to prevent the spread of illness.

"It's about choice, and now that we know that vaccination is even less effective in preventing flu, forcing nurses to get one doesn't make sense," she said.

Kendall called Duteil's statement "illogical."

"I would rather have 40 per cent protection than zero protection," he said. "Ideally, we would have a vaccine that provided really high levels ... (but) we don't have one of those yet. The one we've got now is still the best we can use."

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Halifax. Major house fire leaves 2 dead, 1 missing

Two people are dead and another person is unaccounted for as Halifax firefighters and police investigate a major blaze outside the city.

Halifax regional fire personnel were called to the home in the 5,000 block of Guysborough Road — near what is known locally as Wysses Corner — around 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday. As of 9:45 p.m., 10 fire trucks and 30 firefighters were still on scene battling the blaze, which is located about an hour outside of Halifax.

Fire spokesman Brendan Elliott confirmed that at least two people have died.

"We just haven't had a

chance to go through the house in its entirety," he said. "Because of the safety and security of the building, they are still putting out hot spots."

RCMP spokeswoman Cpl. Karine Bernier says a third person remains unaccounted for.

Elliott said they were called about the fire by someone driving by the home.

He said the home has a metal roof which has made it a difficult one for them to tackle.

"We were still in a defensive mode an hour and a half into the fire," he said.

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Syrian refugees

Canada must back up promise: Critics

A promise to 10,000 Syrian refugees that they will be able to find safe haven in Canada in the next three years needs to be backed up by a better asylum program

to get them here, refugee groups and opposition politicians said Wednesday.

The Conservative government made the new commitment after months of pleading from refugee groups and Syrian Canadians for a drastic increase in the number of spaces.

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Oilsands use inconsistent with global warming battle: Report



An oilsands facility near Fort McMurray, Alta. A new study says most of Canada's oilsands will have to be left in the ground if the world gets serious about climate change. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Study's conclusion.

A third of world's oil reserves, half of gas reserves and 80 per cent of coal reserves should remain unused

to limit global warming. It adds one-quarter of Canada's natural-gas reserves and four-fifths of its coal would also have to be left in the ground.

The report concludes that no country's Arctic energy resources can be developed if global temperature increases are to be kept manageable.

Report author Christophe McGlade of University College London says the research was undertaken in response to agreement from politicians around the world that global warming should be limited to within 2 C of historic averages. At the same time, said McGlade, most are enthusiastic boosters of their own country's fossil fuels.

"What this analysis shows is that those two positions are inconsistent," he said.

The study is the latest into the implications of the total amount of carbon emissions that can be released and still stay below a two-degree temperature increase.

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"Every country can't exploit all of their domestic reserves and keep to two degrees."

Report author Christophe McGlade of University College London



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Cosby cheered in Ontario, kicks off tour amid protests

Bill Cosby was greeted with cheering and applause as he walked on stage Wednesday night in Kitchener, Ont., wearing a grey sweatshirt with the phrase "hello friend."

Cosby was set to stare down local opposition as he kicked off the first of three Ontario shows amid brewing tensions and mounting allegations of sexual assault.

"First of all, thank you," he said emphatically, before launching into jokes about the cold Canadian weather.

The comedian promised fans "the show of their life"

ahead of his first time on stage since November, but a number of ticket holders announced plans to skip the performance, while others sought to sell their tickets.

Nonetheless, a steady flow of ticket holders streamed into Kitchener's Centre In The Square, walking past a handful of protesters hoisting signs that read "rape is not a joke" and "I support the victims."

Police officers were also present, as were a swarm of journalists.

At one point three protesters temporarily blocked the

main doors into the venue while one woman heckled ticket holders, saying they should be "ashamed" of going to see Cosby. In recent weeks, at least 18 women — including three who came forward in Los Angeles on Wednesday — have accused the 77-year-old Cosby of sexually assaulting them, with some allegations dating back decades.

Cosby is also scheduled to perform in London, Ont., on Thursday and Hamilton, Ont., on Friday, and protests are planned in both cities.

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Tory donors on Nutrition North board

The board that advises the federal cabinet minister in charge of Canada's controversial Nutrition North food-subsidy program is almost entirely made up of Conservative donors, public records show.

Five of the six people appointed to the Nutrition North advisory board have donated money to the Conservatives.

One of the five Conservative donors also gave to the Liberals, while a sixth mem-

ber has not contributed to any party.

The individual donations range from \$20 to \$1,200 and span a time frame of February 2007 to July 2014.

And at least three board members, who get expenses but no salary for their work, appear to be involved with organizations or businesses that have received federal government funding, either directly or indirectly.

The Nutrition North pro-

gram, a \$60-million annual food-subsidy intended to help offset the high cost of nutritious food in the North, has been under scrutiny ever since auditor general Michael Ferguson's fall report came out.

In it, Ferguson revealed that the program's overseers are largely in the dark about whether Nutrition North is actually doing anything for the people who need it the most.

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Explosive-laden bus driven into police academy

Yemen. At least 37 killed and 66 wounded, most of whom were academy recruits, say police

A suicide bomber rammed a minibus carrying explosives into a gathering of recruits outside a police academy in the heart of Yemen's capital on Wednesday, killing at least 37 people in the latest attack to hit Sanaa.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but Yemen's local al-Qaida branch has carried out similar assaults in the past against the army and police in this impoverished Arabian Peninsula country, viewing them as U.S. proxies.

The U.S. provides counter-terrorism training and assistance to Yemeni forces, and frequently carries out drone strikes targeting al-Qaida militants in Yemen.

At the scene of the blast, the dead and wounded lay on a sidewalk against a wall. On

the pavement, water sprayed by firefighters to extinguish the blaze from the explosion of the minibus mixed with pools of blood.

A charred taxi cab smouldered near what remained of the minibus, metres from the gate of the police academy, which is located in a residential area.

The bomber struck as cadets were lined up outside the academy, preparing to enrol, witnesses said.

"It went off among all of them, and they flew through the air," said eyewitness Jamil al-Khaleedi.

Police Brig. Gen. Abdalaziz al-Qudsi said at least 37 people were killed and 66 wounded. Another official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least three civilians were among the dead.

Tribal leaders and Yemeni officials have said the rising power of Shiite rebels known as Houthi, their advance into Sunni areas and the backlash over drone strikes has caused al-Qaida to surge in strength and find new recruits. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Thousands seeking shelter

A man overlooks the high waves of the Mediterranean Sea in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Wednesday as a heavy winter storm sweeps through the Middle East. The storm killed two Syrian refugees in Lebanon and forced thousands who have fled their country's civil war to huddle for warmth in tents in refugee camps. ODED BALILLY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

El Paso shooting

Veterans' clinic gunman named

A man who fatally shot a doctor at a Texas veterans' hospital before turning the gun on himself was a former clerk at the clinic who had threatened the victim in 2013, the FBI said.

The gunman was identified by the FBI as Jerry Serrato. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India

Bus driver loses control, 16 dead

A passenger bus veered off a road and fell into a gorge in southeastern India on Wednesday, and at least 13 of the 16 people killed were college and middle-school students, police said.

More than 50 other people were injured in the crash near the town of Penkunda in Andhra Pradesh.

state, said Police Inspector G.R. Yadav.

The state-run public transport bus was carrying 68 people when the driver lost control of the vehicle, which then plunged into the gorge, he said.

Police said the road was under repair and part of it was dug up, which may have forced the driver to move to the edge.

The driver died in the accident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Carolina

Police chief must be convicted: Prosecutor

The trial for the 2011 killing of an unarmed black man began Wednesday.

Prosecutor David Pascoe said Eutawville police chief Richard Combs must be convicted in the shooting death of Bernard Bailey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The reaction, in pictures

**1 Je Suis Charlie.**

A man wears a "Je Suis Charlie" sticker on his back in Trafalgar Square in London to show their respect for the 12 people killed in Paris on Wednesday.

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2 Not afraid.

A woman holds up her hands bearing the words "Not afraid" in French during a gathering Wednesday in solidarity with the victims of a terror attack against French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Mighty pen.

A person holds a pen, a symbol of liberty of press, as crowds gather at Place de la Republique during a vigil following the terrorist attack on Wednesday.

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Suspect in Paris attack that killed 12 surrenders: Official

France. Police continue to search for two others also suspected in attack on satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo

Two heavily armed men in black, their faces hidden by ski masks, take down a police officer on a Paris sidewalk with a spray of bullets. One walks up to the victim, who is sprawled on the ground, and delivers a final shot to the officer's head despite the arm raised in a final plea for mercy.

The cold-blooded killing Wednesday came just after a massacre minutes earlier in the offices of the satirical French weekly Charlie Hebdo.

Eight journalists, two police, a maintenance worker and a visitor were killed, said prosecutor François Molins. He said 11 others were wounded — four of them seriously.

The newspaper's editor and cartoonist Stéphane Charbonnier, widely known by his pen name Charb, was among those killed.



Suspect Cherif Kouachi
REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suspect Said Kouachi
POLICE HANDOUT



People hug each other on Wednesday outside the French satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo's office in Paris, France.

REMY DE LA MAUVINIÈRE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The killers were heard crying "Allahu akbar!" — Arabic for "God is great!" — and saying they were avenging the Prophet of Islam, a video shows.

Early Thursday, French police released photographs of brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi, in their early 30s, saying they should be considered armed and dangerous. A third suspect, Mourad Hamyd, 18, surrendered voluntarily, said Paris prosecutor's spokeswoman Agnes Thibault-Lecuitre.

In a sombre address to the nation Wednesday, President

Values threatened

"Canada and its allies will not be intimidated and will continue to stand firmly together against terrorists who would threaten the peace, freedom and democracy our countries so dearly value." Prime Minister Stephen Harper

François Hollande pledged to hunt down the killers, and pleaded with his compatriots to come together in a time of insecurity and suspicion.

Schools closed across Paris, although thousands jammed Republique Square near the

site of the shooting, waving pens and papers reading "Je suis Charlie."

"This is the darkest day of the history of the French press," said Christophe DeLoire of Reporters Without Borders.

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Paper's evocative style
Charlie Hebdo has a long history of provocation

The French newspaper Charlie Hebdo's staple is provocation — and it pokes fun at popes, presidents as well as the Prophet Muhammad.

The satirical weekly has a history of drawing outrage across the Muslim world with crude cartoons of Islam's holiest figure.

The magazine's offices were firebombed in November 2011 after it published a spoof issue that "invited" Muhammad to be its guest editor and put his caricature on the cover.

A year later, the magazine published more Muhammad drawings amid an uproar over an anti-Muslim film. The cartoons depicted Muhammad naked and in demeaning or pornographic poses.

As passions raged, the French government defended free speech even as it rebuked Charlie Hebdo for fanning tensions.

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Charlie Hebdo. Cartoonists commend evocative style

"I thought, 'Oh jeez, it's finally happened.'"

Wes Tyrell had gotten a late start in his studio when he began receiving messages and calls from friends in the cartoonist community about the massacre at the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo.

Tyrell, a cartoonist for Yahoo News and head of the Association of Canadian Editorial Cartoonists, has long been a fan of Charlie Hebdo. Not necessarily a fan of every cartoon, he makes sure to say, but of its provocative style and, especially, the courage of its staff to stand up to violence and threats.

Charlie Hebdo's cartoonists have always been as provocative as they could be, as provocative as cartoonists ever get, Tyrell said.

In one cartoon, for example,

a naked Prophet Muhammad is bending over with a star over his anus and the text, in French, reads "A star is born."

The cartoonists have been "equal opportunity offenders" who lampooned not only Islam, but other religions as well along with French political figures, Tyrell said.

"They were very, very eager to go after just about anybody, but the difference being, not everybody out there is trying to kill them," he said.

Michael de Adder, a Canadian political cartoonist, questions if anyone will be willing to continue in Charlie Hebdo's footsteps.

"If they did, they'd certainly have a big target on themselves," he said. "It would be courageous to restart it."

JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO IN TORONTO

'We won't be fazed' by attack: French Embassy

Somber day

Flags at the French Embassy were at half-mast Wednesday and the mood was somber inside as embassy staff discussed the emerging details of the mass shooting.

right of expression."

Canada's Ambassador to France, Lawrence Cannon reacted on Twitter saying he was horrified by the attack and his thoughts were with the victims and their families.

Prime minister Stephen Harper issued a statement condemning the attack.

"I am angered and saddened to hear of the terrorist attack today in the offices of the Parisian news magazine Charlie Hebdo, which has killed at least 12 individuals, including two police officers," Harper's statement read.

Official opposition leader Thomas Mulcair held a press conference in which he condemned the attack. Liberal leader Justin Trudeau and Green Party leader Elizabeth May also issued statements decrying what happened and offering their sympathy.

Schoderet said the outpouring of support from Canadians has touched the embassy deeply.

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VOICES

THE WAR AGAINST FREE PRESS

A dozen people lost their lives in Paris Wednesday over cartoons. Metro grieves with the rest of the world and reaffirms the importance of freedom of expression



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I'm a lifelong fan of editorial cartoons. They have made me laugh, made me question my viewpoints and moved me deeply.

I have been sad and angry since seeing Twitter headlines about 12 people, mostly journalists, shot dead by extremists in France.

There's the horrific loss of life — the killing of people who worked every day to

stimulate minds through their craft. Then there's the attempt at intimidation — the killers' effort to silence people who ask questions.

Asking questions is how we learn and evolve. This freedom must be defended.

I'm not just a fan of editorial cartoons, I'm a believer in what they represent.

Editorial cartoons aren't necessarily meant to be funny, although they can be; they are commentary. The cartoons being distributed around the world today are good examples.

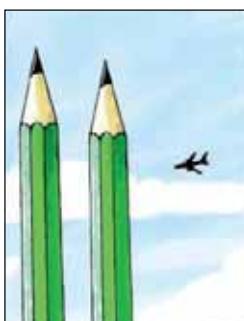
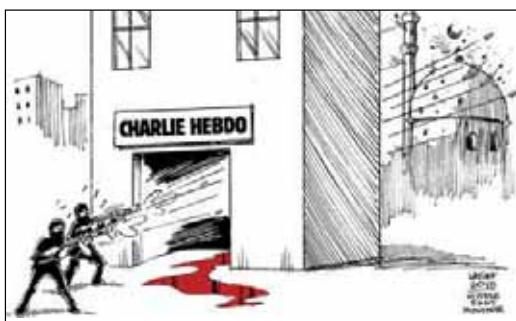
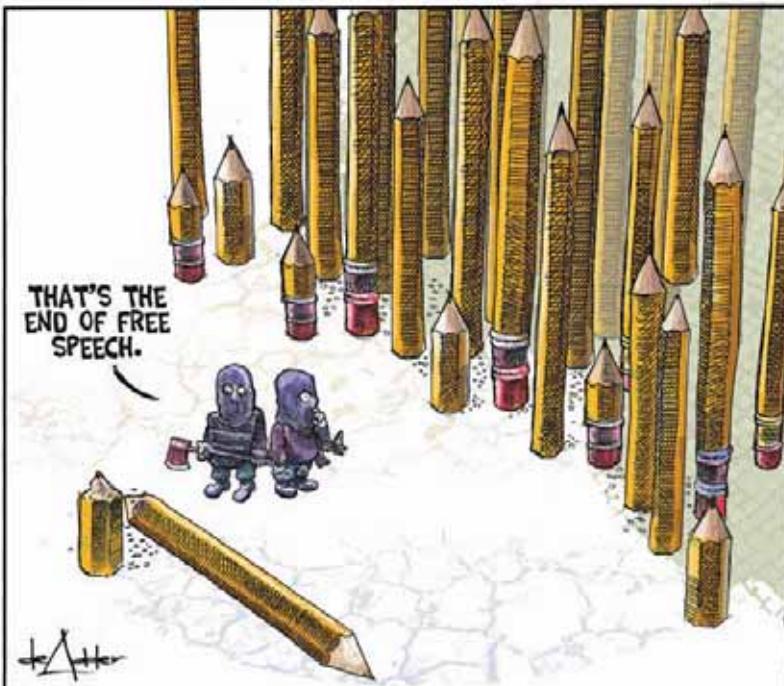
Of Wednesday's editorial cartoons, I was most affected by the one drawn by Carlos Latuff. It shows the gunmen firing at the offices of Charlie Hebdo, a trail of blood, and the bullets eventually going through the walls and hitting a mosque behind it.

I hope it doesn't happen, but I imagine innocent Muslims will now face a backlash.

If violence breeds violence, I'm certain that editorial cartoonists will continue to raise their pencils and take aim at that, too.

Fernando Carneiro is the National Deputy Editor of Metro English Canada.

Cartoonists around the world respond to shooting



Clockwise from top left: Michael De Adder, for Metro News Canada; Rafael Mantesso, Brazil; Loïc Sécheresse, France; Ruben L. Oppenheimer, The Netherlands; Carlos Latuff, Brazil.

Don't call attack 'barbaric': Prof



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A Carleton University professor says world leaders such as Prime Minister Stephen Harper should not describe the deadly attack on a Paris news magazine that killed 12 people Wednesday morning as a "barbaric" act.

Karim H. Karim, a professor at the university's School of Journalism and Communication, said when the word is used to condemn religiously motivated acts of violence, some religious groups interpret it to mean that they as a whole are barbaric.

Video footage of the attack appeared online showing a man wearing a hood carrying an assault rifle shoot and kill a police officer on a Paris sidewalk at point-blank range. Three attackers killed Charlie Hebdo's veteran cartoonists, editor and others at the magazine's office after recent publications of cartoons depicting Islamic figures in controversial ways.

Harper and French president François Hollande called the Paris attack "barbaric" in statements Thursday.

"I don't think it's being helpful to basically cast these words out. When leaders do this a lot of people are listening," said Karim in an interview with Metro.

"When 'barbaric' gets attached to them, these are the kind of stereotypes and images that are being built up. What is achieved by using rhetoric like that?"

Although the attack received praise by supporters of the militant Islamic State group, no specific group has immediately claimed responsibility for it.

Karim, a former journalist who teaches communications studies, denounced the attacks, calling them "heinous."

But he argued that using words such as "violent" and "cruel," would be more appropriate than "barbaric," which has a "moralistic tone which pits one civilization against another."

Karim did not say the media should outright ban the publication of the cartoons, but he said there needs to be a context justifying why they should be reproduced.

"I would not say never do this," he said.

"I think if we have very strong convictions and we are justified in what we feel we should be doing, then we should do it." —with files from The Associated Press

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Phylicia Rashad ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Cosby's TV wife defends him and raises conspiracy theory

Phylicia Rashad, Bill Cosby's TV wife, has kept mum on the allegations of years of sexual assault plaguing the comedian.

But at the prodding of Showbiz 411's Roger Friedman, she's reconsidering her previous position about not wanting "to become part of the public debate."

So where does she stand? Firmly in Camp Cosby.

Of course, it's not enough for Rashad to just dismiss the accusations from the numerous women claiming Cosby abused them over the past few decades, she also has to suggest some sort of greater conspiracy going on.

"Forget these women. What you're seeing is the destruction of a legacy. And I think it's orchestrated," Rashad says. "Someone is de-

termined to keep Bill Cosby off TV. And it's worked. All his contracts have been cancelled."

As for her old gig on The Cosby Show, Rashad says, "This show represented America to the outside world. This was the American family. And now you're seeing it being destroyed. Why?"

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Aniston awash with fears after her near-fatal tricycle accident: Honest!

Jennifer Aniston is finally speaking out about a debilitating fear that has kept her from enjoying the thrill and adventure of scuba diving.

"I basically have a real fear of going underwater," she admitted during a recent post-screening Q&A for her film, *Cake*, according to E! News.

"I was a kid, and I was riding this tricycle around a swimming pool, and I drove my tricycle into the swimming pool, and I didn't let go and my brother tried to (help me). So I can't go underwater and no one will believe me. I honestly can't."

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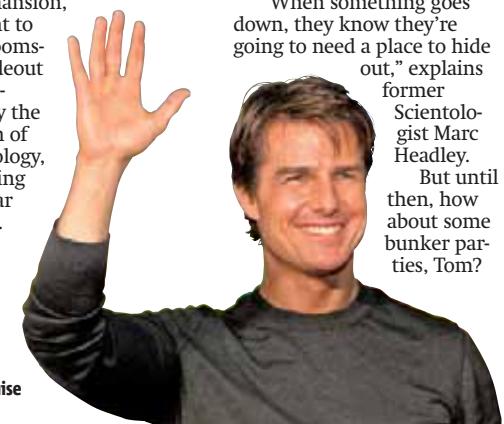
worn to raise awareness and support for this terrible condition, but we'll keep you posted.

Church convinces Cruise to dig himself a giant hole

I thought it had been a while since we'd had a good "Tom Cruise does something crazy" story. Good news, there's a new one.

The Edge of Tomorrow star reportedly spent millions on an underground bunker beneath his Beverly Hills mansion,

thought to be a doomsday hideout encouraged by the Church of Scientology, according to Radar Online.



Tom Cruise

The site got hold of permit documents filed with the City of Beverly Hills that show a massive amount of work excavating the bedrock under Cruise's tennis court to built a structure that includes a gym, laundry facilities and two bedrooms.

"When something goes down, they know they're going to need a place to hide out," explains former Scientologist Marc Headley.

But until then, how about some bunker parties, Tom?

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Leaping off the page and into the multiplex

Film adaptations. Put down your bookmarks and head to the movie theatre: A giant crop of novels is coming to the big screen this year

A selection from the clutch of notable page-turners set to hit big screens in the coming year, from literary thrillers to romantic and young adult fiction, classics to recent releases and everything in between.

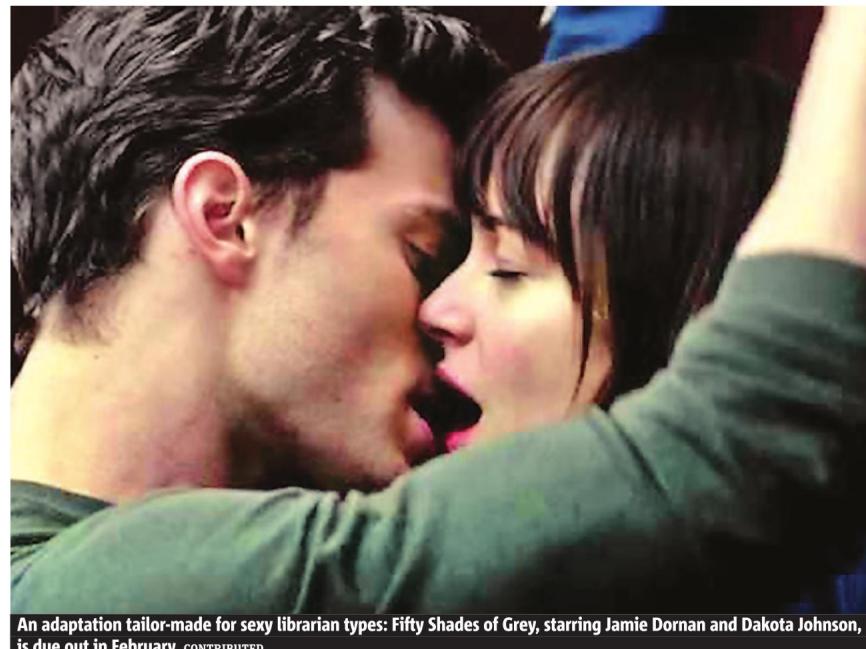
The World Made Straight Based on the book by Ron Rash

After the harrowing industrial tale *Serena* was turned into a film in 2014 (early 2015 for U.S. audiences), Rash's earlier 2006 novel of American historical fiction is expanded from an O. Henry Prize story. David Burris makes his debut as a feature film director with Jeremy Irvine of Steven Spielberg's *War Horse* as high school dropout Travis and Noah Wyle (Spielberg TV project *Falling Skies*) the ex-teacher with a sideline in drug dealing who takes him in. Has a Jan. 9 date in the U.S.

Mortdecai

Based on The Mortdecai Trilogy by Kyril Bonfiglioli

The Wodehouse-esque Charlie Mortdecai flits from page to moving picture, Johnny Depp playing the bumbling aristocratic charmer and inadvertent espionage agent tasked with the retrieval of a crucial piece of art on behalf of the British



An adaptation tailor-made for sexy librarian types: *Fifty Shades of Grey*, starring Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson, is due out in February. CONTRIBUTED

government. Gwyneth Paltrow, Ewan McGregor, Olivia Munn and Paul Bettany provide further comedic support with David Koepf (*Ghost Town*) directing. Arriving the week of Jan. 23 for cinemagoers in select countries.

Brooklyn Based on the book by Colm Toibin

An increasingly influential figure in contemporary fiction over the last 20 years, Irish author Toibin is poised to make the transition to film as this acclaimed story of love, trust, and transatlantic choice finds its

way to cinema screens courtesy of director John Crowley (*Boy A*), with its main roles inhabited by Saoirse Ronan (*The Grand Budapest Hotel*), Star Wars Episode VII man Domhnall Gleeson, and Emory Cohen (*The Place Beyond the Pines*). A premiere at the Sundance Film Festival late January is expected to precede more general availability later in the year.

Fifty Shades of Grey Based on the book by E. L. James

Jamie Dornan (TV series *The Fall*) and Dakota Johnson (*The Social Network*) star opposite

each other in an adaptation of the incendiary first volume of E.L. James' explicit *Fifty Shades* romance novels. Sam Taylor-Wood of *John Lennon* biopic *Nowhere Boy* directs from a Kelly Marcel script (*Saving Mr. Banks*).

The Divergent Series: Insurgent Based on Insurgent by Veronica Roth

With *Mockingjay* — Part 2 looming, is there room for more than one female-led young adult fiction adaptation in the year? 2014's *Divergent* says yes, and for 2015's instal-

ment, Shailene Woodley and Theo James continue their search for truth in a dystopian society. Like fellow young adult fiction film versions *The Hunger Games*, *Harry Potter* and *Twilight*, the series' third book will be split into two parts, arriving in March of 2016 and 2017 respectively. March 20, 2015, marks the week for *Divergent* trilogy fans to stake out local multiplexes.

Dark Places Based on the book by Gillian Flynn

Now established as a major name in both fiction and film, Flynn's second adaptation comes hot on the heels of *Gone Girl*, again a murder mystery concerned with the fallibility of human witness. Starring roles for Charlize Theron, Christina Hendricks, Chloë Grace Moretz and Nicholas Hoult directed by award-winning Frenchman Gilles Paquet-Brenner. With Northern European releases already dated for March and April, an international roll-out in early 2015 remains within the realms of possibility.

Child 44 Based on the book by Tom Rob Smith

Smith's Man Booker long-listed thriller was inspired by the story of a real-life serial killer active over two decades and serves to explore life in the Soviet Union during the 1980s and '90s. Daniel Espinoza (*Safe House*) is bringing that to screen under the supervision of Ridley Scott, with Tom Hardy to menace in the main

role with other cast members to include Noomi Rapace, Gary Oldman, Vincent Cassel, Paddy Considine, Fares Fares, Joel Kinnaman and Dev Patel. From the week of April 17.

Paper Towns Based on the book by John Green

After the success of 2014's breakout teen romance *The Fault in Our Stars*, John Green's novels are ripe for cinematic adaptation, with the same production team returning for *Paper Towns*. Nat Wolff moves up on the billing to star as Quentin Jacobsen, under the spell of enigmatic, anarchic Margo (Cara Delevingne, *Anna Karenina*), while Sundance award winner Jake Schreier directs. A June 5 release is set for the U.S. with other territories following in July and August.

The Maze Runner: Scorch Trials Based on The Scorch Trials by James Dashner

The second in Dashner's trilogy of futuristic dystopian survival adventures, which, in contrast to *Insurgent* and *The Hunger Games*, focuses primarily on male characters. Unafraid to alter elements of the original story for cinematic effect, the 2014 series starter led to a \$340-million box office; Dylan O'Brien continues in his role as Thomas, whose group of young survivors are plunged into a second grand experiment intended to brink humanity back from the brink. International rollout begins the week of Sept. 18. **AFP**

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My Husband's Not Gay debuts Sunday on TLC. CONTRIBUTE

Husband's Not Gay sends wrong message: activists

Television. TLC show based on two married Mormon dads who are also attracted to men draws comparisons to gay conversion therapy

family he grew up in: with a father, mother and children.

"There are a lot of stories out there," Dahlgren, 32, said. "This just isn't one of them."

However, gay-rights group GLAAD says the show sends the wrong message and is a sad reminder of so-called gay conversion therapy — faith-based efforts designed to change sexual orientation that can be emotionally scarring. In 2013, New Jersey and California banned therapists from practising gay conversion therapy on children and teenagers. The American Medical Association and the American Psychological Association do not support the therapy.

Preston "Pret" Dahlgren has led what might seem like a picture-perfect Mormon life: He met his high-school sweetheart in Sunday school as a teenager, completed his mission and married her. He is active in the church and the proud father of two young daughters.

But Dahlgren is also attracted to men.

His story is the subject of a new TV show called *My Husband's Not Gay*, which gay-rights groups are calling irresponsible and dangerous. They want the TLC cable network to pull the plug before the program airs on Sunday.

Dahlgren and another Mormon man featured in the show say they're happy in their marriages, and they hope the show gives stories like theirs a foothold in the conversation about sexuality.

Dahlgren said he's known he was attracted to men since he was about 12, but he also always wanted the kind of

The organization pointed to a change.org petition asking TLC to cancel the show that so far has gathered more than 80,000 signatures.

Responding to GLAAD, the network says it will tell compelling stories about different ways of life, and the four men on the hour-long show speak only for themselves.

Megan Dahlgren says he

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"We do have a happy, healthy sex life"

Megan Dahlgren, wife of gay Mormon man featured in controversial TLC show

marriage remains strong, including the physical aspects of their relationship. "We do have a happy, healthy sex life."

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She suggested her upbringing in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was a big part of why she wants to remain in the marriage.

"I would say it was part of my decision, early on especially, and a big influencer of that," she said. "It certainly helped guide me toward where I'm at today, no doubt about it."

today, no doubt about it.

Church spokesman Eric Hawkins said marriage is deeply personal. "While the church does not promote marriage as a treatment method for same-sex attraction, couples who are trying to be lovingly supportive of each other while being true to their religious convictions deserve our support and respect," he said.

respect, he said.

My Husband's Not Gay is not the only show about people from Utah in unusual marriages. TLC also airs the shows Sister Wives and My Five Wives about polygamous unions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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What's cool in winter trends

Looks. Chill nails and lips complement sleeker hair and smoky eyes this season

MARIANNE HAYES
Metro World News in New York City

Winter has officially arrived with its frigid temps. Translation: new beauty trends are upon us. Here to give you the rundown of what's trending this season is beauty blogger Angela Peters of Hairspray & High-heels. Read on for some of winter's hottest looks in hair, makeup and nails.

Hair: Polished looks and bizarre colouring

It looks like the tousled, messy hair of summer is officially behind us. Taking its place is a sleeker, more refined look that in some ways represents a return to basics.

"Everything is much more polished," says Peters. "Braids are really in, but they're tight — not the messy waterfall braids."

Subtle teasing is also guiding winter hairstyles. (Yes, teasing.) But rest easy: the '80s aren't making a comeback anytime soon. Instead, think high volume at the crown of the head, paired with super-straight hair. "It's really about a lot of crown teasing so you're getting that lift," says Peters, who describes the trend as a throwback to the '60s.

As for colour, perhaps the most eye-grabbing trend women are sporting this season is intentional grey. Everyone from Rihanna to



Intentional silver locks are all the rage.



Almond-shaped nails have replaced the short, straight-filed look.



Nude lips are being paired with smoky eyes this season.

Kelly Osbourne has gotten in on the silver locks.

Nails: Almond shaping and winter hues

Stars like Iggy Azalea and Rita Ora are really leading the charge when it comes to nail shaping. The truth is that longer, almond-shaped nails are rapidly replacing the shorter, straight-filed look. Mountain peak nails (a.k.a. stiletto nails) are also

sweeping salons. The look is exactly what the name implies: Angular, pointy nails.

"Instead of a play on colours, the season is really going to be about nail shaping," says Peters.

"The almond shaping and mountain peak nails we're seeing really play toward that."

When it comes to nail polish, don't expect to see any major departures from

last winter — lots of dark purples, emerald greens, and deep, ruby reds.

Makeup: Nude lips and played-up eyes

Winter makeup this year is surprisingly subdued, which is a fresh change from the neon lips and graphic eyeliner we saw last season.

The trend is playing out in barely-there blush and

understated lipstick.

"Kylie Jenner was actually kind of ahead of the trend with the shade she's been wearing," says Peters, who's referring to the matte, almost-nude lip shade Jenner has been rocking in full force lately.

Both on the runway and off, Peters says that bright red lipstick isn't trending this season. In addition to neutral tones, we'll also be seeing deeper reds that are more earthy and brown. Eye makeup is the only area that isn't being played down this winter. Instead, heavy-handed application reigns supreme.

"Shadows are very smoked out, bold and thick with dark liner," says Peters. "Also, mascara on both the upper and lower lashes is coming back — kind of a doe-eyed '60s look."

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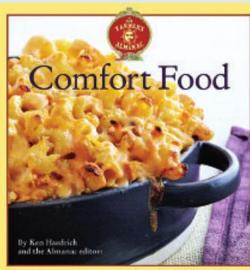
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Not only does the book feature classic favourites, it also offers helpful kitchen tips, food facts and more.

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Cold comfort? You better believe it

Stuffing-Breaded Pork Chops with Pan Gravy

If you can't stand the cold, get into the kitchen, and make this

"Dry stuffing mix makes a fine pork chop coating," write Ken Haedrich and the Old Farmer's Almanac editors in their aptly titled book Comfort Food.

For chops

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and put it into the oven to heat.

2. Put the stuffing mix into a food processor and pulse repeatedly, until the stuffing is finely ground. Transfer to a large plate.

3. Put the beaten egg mixture into a shallow bowl (large enough to contain a chop) and set aside.

4. Pat the pork chops dry with paper towels. Lightly

salt and pepper the chops on both sides and dust lightly with onion powder and garlic powder.

5. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add the olive oil to the skillet. (The pan should be hot, but not hot enough to burn the coating on the chops.) Working with one chop at a time, dip both sides into the egg mixture and then into the stuffing crumbs, coating it heavily. Fry the chops for 2-1/2 minutes on each side, turning once. Transfer the chops to the hot baking sheet and bake for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the internal temperature is 145

F. Remove from the oven and rest for 3 minutes.

For gravy

1. Melt the butter in the same skillet over medium heat, add the onion, and cook for 2 minutes, stirring. Add the flour and cook for 1 minute, stirring. Add the chicken stock and whisk to blend. Simmer until the gravy thickens. Add the milk, whisk to blend, and simmer for 1 to 2 minutes more, adding salt and pepper, to taste. Serve the chops with the gravy on the side.

RECIPE FROM COMFORT FOOD BY KEN HAEDRICH AND THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC EDITORS.

Ingredients

Chops

- 1-1/2 cups dry stuffing mix
- 1 egg beaten with 2 tbsp milk
- 4 pork chops (about 3/4-inch thick)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- Onion powder, to taste
- Garlic powder, to taste

• 3 tbsp olive oil

Gravy

- 2 tbsp (1/4 stick) butter
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 4 tsp all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chicken stock
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- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste



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Muhammad Ali

Boxing legend returns home from hospital stay

Muhammad Ali is home after being hospitalized with a severe urinary-tract infection.

The three-time world heavyweight champion was released from an undisclosed hospital Tuesday night, family spokesman Bob Gunnell said Wednesday. Ali is back home and looking forward to celebrating his 73rd birthday on Jan. 17 with his family and friends, Gunnell said.

"He's in great spirits and enjoying being back home," Gunnell said. "He's back in his daily routine."

Ali has had Parkinson's disease for years.

He was hospitalized Dec. 20 with what was initially believed to be a mild case of pneumonia.

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Funding

Multi-sport athletes get boost

Canadian athletes seeking Olympic and Paralympic gold in 2016 are looking forward to training in better conditions after a \$3-million funding boost was announced Wednesday.

The Canadian Olympic Committee and Canadian Olympic Foundation are investing the money, along with an additional unspecified amount from the Canadian Paralympic Committee, in the newly branded Canadian Sport Institute Network. The investment is intended to provide "cutting-edge equipment," hire staff and enhance daily training for multi-sport athletes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hufnagel on track to snag top coach trophy

CFL Calgary boss named in final three along with Higgins and Jones

John Hufnagel, who guided the Calgary Stampeders to the CFL's best regular-season record and a Grey Cup title, was named a finalist for the CFL's coach of the year Wednesday.

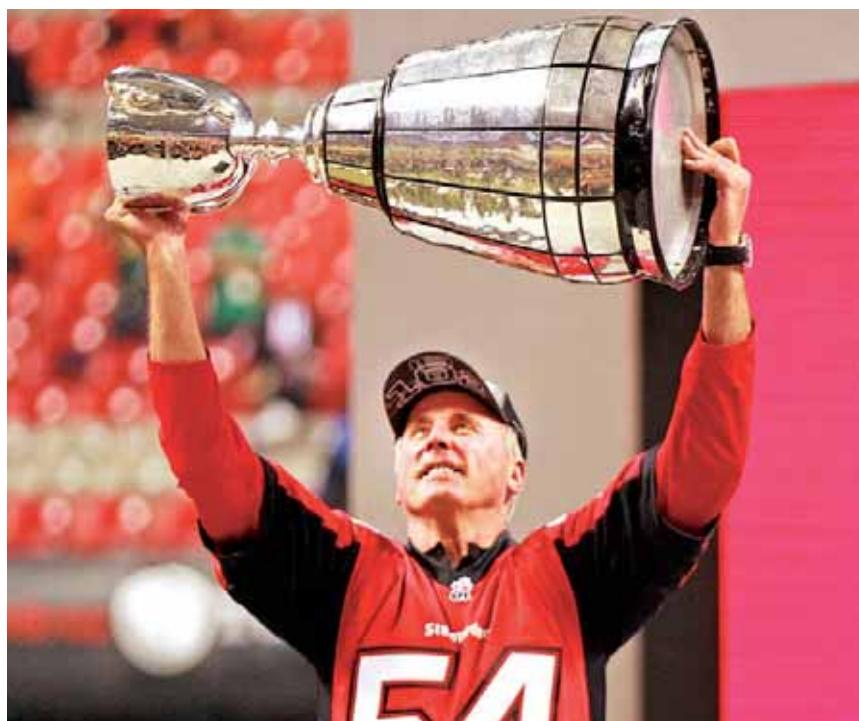
Tom Higgins of the Montreal Alouettes and Chris Jones of the Edmonton Eskimos are the other finalists. The award winner will receive the Annis Stukus Trophy on Jan. 21 in Winnipeg.

Voting was conducted by 65 members of the Football Reporters of Canada.

Calgary finished atop the West Division with a 15-3 record under Hufnagel, also the club's general manager. After dispatching Edmonton 43-18 in the conference final, the Stampeders capped their season with a 20-16 victory over the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the Grey Cup at BC Place Stadium.

This marks the fourth time Hufnagel has been nominated for the award. He won it in '08 after leading Calgary to a Grey Cup crown. He and Wally Buono, currently the B.C. Lions' general manager and vice-president of football operations, are the only coaches to lead the Stampeders to multiple championships.

Hufnagel improved his CFL coaching record to 88-37-1, moving him into 11th on the league's all-time list. His career winning percentage of .702 is tops among coaches with at least 100 career appearances on the sidelines.

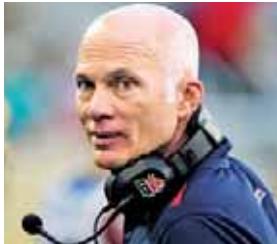


John Hufnagel, seen here hoisting the Grey Cup in November, was named a finalist for CFL coach of the year on Wednesday. JEFF VINICK/GETTY IMAGES

"I thank the players, coaches and staff of the Stampeders for their contributions to our successful season," Hufnagel said in a statement. "The Grey Cup championship was a team effort, and my nomination for the Annis Stukus Trophy is a reflection of the great people we have throughout our organization on and off the field."

"I also congratulate Tom and Chris for their excellent coaching work and their teams' success during the 2014 season."

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The Alouettes began the season 1-7, but Tom Higgins led them to eight wins in their last 10 regular-season contests to clinch a playoff spot. GETTY IMAGES



The Eskimos' Chris Jones is a first-time award nominee after leading Edmonton to a 12-6 record and second place in the West Division. GETTY IMAGES

Glitzy Continental Cup brings golden names to Calgary



Canadian Olympic gold medalist Jennifer Jones practices on Wednesday in Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

After the showgirls and the Thunder From Down Under, what's next for the Continental Cup of Curling?

What's been dubbed "the Ryder Cup of curling" was held in Las Vegas a year ago.

Bagpipes played as curlers walked through a casino. Muscular bare-chested dancers from an all-male revue led them onto the playing surface holding placards of the team names. Bikini-clad showgirls held up scores for shots in the skills competition.

The World Financial Group Continental Cup has returned

to Canada where it was held its first nine years before the getaway to Vegas. The four-day competition of team, mixed doubles, hot-shots and skins games starts Thursday at the 3,000-seat Markin MacPhail Centre at Canada Olympic Park.

The Continental Cup may be back in Canada, but experimentation with it is far from over.

The Canadian Curling Association has taken over complete control of the event. Team Europe will face Team Canada, not Team North America, in Calgary.

Medal militia

Every team that stood on the Olympic podium in Sochi, Russia, last year will be in Calgary.

A total of 60 points are available, so the side that earns more than 30 points by Sunday will be the champions.

Olympic champs Jennifer Jones of Winnipeg and Brad Jacobs of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., lead a Canadian contingent, including teams skipped by world

silver medallist Rachel Homan of Ottawa, Calgary's John Morris, Winnipeg's Mike McEwen and Edmonton's Val Sweeting. Canadians and Americans previously joined forces under a Team North America banner, but the tournament's backers have shifted priorities.

According to a World Curling Federation report, the governing body decided that after spending about \$2 million on team costs, prize money and "share of losses" over the first decade of the Continental Cup, it no longer wanted to be involved. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SPORTS

There's no place like home

NFL playoffs. Four hosts this weekend all have impressive records in their own respective backyards

Along with great quarterbacks who all own Super Bowl rings, the four NFL teams hosting playoff games this weekend have a little something else on their side: An extraordinary home-field edge.

Seattle has the racket of Century Link, Green Bay the mystique of icy Lambeau, Denver's mile-high altitude and NASCAR offence benefit the Broncos. And the Patriots appreciate the

biting winds and bitter cold of foreboding Foxborough, where that hoodie sure comes in handy. The four host teams are a combined 30-2 at home this season; each is at least a touchdown favourite in the divisional round.

Seattle's lone home loss was a 30-23 hiccup against Dallas during the champs' early-season stumble. The other defeat was a giveaway: New England's 19-7 loss to Buffalo in the season finale with the No. 1 seed already secured by the Patriots.

"Unnerving," is how Richard Sherman describes the sound in Seattle, which can get so loud that the Seahawks' defence has to find creative ways to make checks and calls.

Denver quit being such an

Atmosphere

"Players just feed off that energy when you're playing at home. I think it makes a big difference."

Denver Broncos QB Peyton Manning on the benefit of home advantage

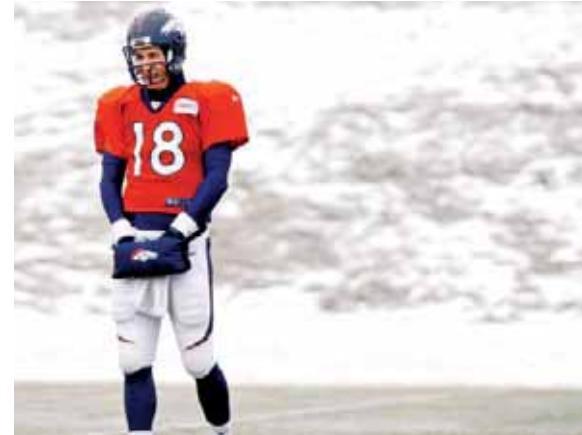
intimidating place to play after John Elway retired with two rings. It's a big deal again since Peyton Manning's arrival in 2012. "Our fans have been great ... they cause problems for other teams," Manning said. "Players just feed off that energy when you're playing at home. I think it makes a big difference."

Throw in the no-huddle and the lung-searing altitude and

you can see why the Broncos are 24-3 at home with Manning, including 17-1 over the last two seasons.

"Playing up-tempo and then the altitude out here can really give a defence fits," said C.J. Anderson, who knows it's working when defensive linemen interlock their knuckles behind their head, heaving between snaps. Indianapolis — Denver's opponents — defensive end Cory Redding argued the altitude effect is "all in your head." But Colts coach Chuck Pagano knows better. He grew up in Boulder, Colo., and played at Wyoming, which is about 2,000 feet higher than Denver. So he knows how the thin air can affect teams.

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Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning keeps warm during practice on Wednesday. Manning's Broncos take on his former team, the Indianapolis Colts, in a divisional round playoff game on Sunday in Denver. DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Show of respect for those killed in Paris

Players from Lille, left, and Evian observe a minute's silence in honour of the victims of Wednesday's attack against satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, which killed at least 12 and injured many, prior to the Ligue 1 match in Northern France. Substitute Adama Traore scored a superb second-half winner as Lille moved away from the relegation zone with a 1-0 win. DENIS CHARLET/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Soccer. Liverpool captain Gerrard's future lies in LA

Steven Gerrard is the next big star in the LA Galaxy.

The Liverpool captain will join the defending Major League Soccer champions in July after completing his illustrious career with his boyhood team, the Galaxy announced Wednesday.

The 34-year-old midfielder said last week he was leaving Liverpool after the English Premier League season to move stateside. The Galaxy confirmed Gerrard's move to Southern California on an



Steven Gerrard AP PHOTO

18-month deal as a designated player, which means he will be paid above MLS' salary cap.

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Soccer. Convicted rapist Evans may have new club

English third-tier club Oldham is prepared to face a growing backlash by going ahead with plans to sign convicted rapist Ched Evans.

While Oldham said it was conducting due diligence into hiring Evans, a sponsor severed ties with the northern club citing the "imminent signing."

Evans, a former Sheffield United and Manchester City striker, was released from jail in October after



Ched Evans
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NBA. Secret source says Cavs close to Mozgov deal

The Cavaliers have filled their biggest need, acquiring centre Timofey Mozgov from the Denver Nuggets for two future first-round draft picks.

The Cavs announced their second major trade in three days during the first half of Wednesday night's game against Houston.

Cleveland sent two protected 2015 first-round picks — one acquired in 2013 from Memphis, the other from Oklahoma City this week — to Denver for the 7-foot-1 Mozgov and a 2015



Timofey Mozgov GETTY IMAGE

second-round pick.

Mozgov has averaged 8.5 points and 7.8 rebounds this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer

Torres return is a Real happy one

Fernando Torres got his first win with Atletico Madrid over city rival Real Madrid on Wednesday, when the striker returned to his boyhood club in an impressive 2-0 victory in the Copa del Rey.

Midfielder Raul Garcia converted a 57th minute penalty in the first leg match of the Copa's last 16, before Jose Gimenez headed Atletico's second goal in the 76th.

Torres went off in the 59th to applause at Vicente Calderon Stadium, four minutes before Cristiano Ronaldo came on to try and spark a comeback. Torres returned to Atletico on loan from AC Milan during the winter transfer window. He never beat Madrid in nine games in his first stint with Atletico. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maple Leafs begin post-Carlyle era with loss



The Capitals' Jay Beagle levels the Maple Leafs' Richard Panik in Toronto, Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Capital punishment.
Washington continues domination over Toronto, now 11-4-2 in last 17 games vs. Buds

Marcus Johansson and Eric Fehr scored two goals apiece as the Washington Capitals,

backed by a record-tying performance by Braden Holtby in goal, defeated Toronto 6-2 Wednesday night in the Maple Leafs' first game under interim coach Peter Horachek.

The contest, before 19,047 at the Air Canada Centre, came one day after the firing of Toronto head coach Randy Carlyle.

The Leafs started well but

fell into some bad habits. Toronto also suffered from some poor finishing.

Brooks Laich and Alex Ovechkin, with an empty-net goal, also scored for Washington (21-11-7), whose road record is an impressive 12-6-3 this season.

It was Ovechkin's 20th goal of the season and 50th career point against Toronto.

The Caps extended their

mastery over the Maple Leafs to 11-4-2 in the last 17 games between the two.

Holtby's 22nd straight start tied Wayne Stephenson's club record as Washington, 7-1-2 in its last 10 games, won its third in a row.

Daniel Winnik and Trevor Smith scored for Toronto (21-17-3), which has lost three straight and is 2-8-0 in its last 10. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Rockets blast Cavs in fourth quarter

James Harden scored 21 points, Dwight Howard had 17 points and 19 rebounds, and the Houston Rockets roared past Cleveland in the fourth quarter for a 105-93 win Wednesday night over the Cavaliers, who played their sixth straight game without LeBron James.

The Rockets broke away with a 15-5 run in the fourth and handed the Cavs their seventh loss in nine games. Corey Brewer made a pair of three-pointers and scored eight consecutive points in Houston's spree.

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Boston wins in OT

Bergeron lifts Bruins past Pens

Patrice Bergeron scored twice, including a deflection past Pittsburgh's Marc-Andre Fleury 2:43 into overtime, to lift the Boston Bruins to a 3-2 victory over the Penguins on Wednesday night.

Bergeron got just enough of Milan Lucic's blast from the point to put it past Fleury as the Bruins ended a three-game losing streak. Officials spent several minutes reviewing the play to make sure Bergeron's stick was below the crossbar when it made contact with the puck.

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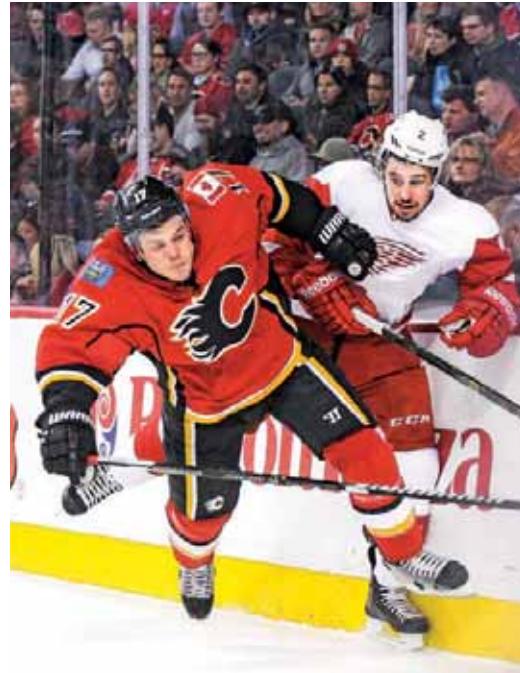
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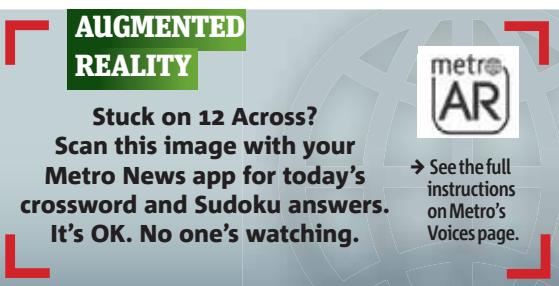
Shades of red clash

The Flames' Lance Bouma and Brendan Smith of the Red Wings collide at the Scotiabank Saddledome on Wednesday night. The Flames were trying to get back into the win column after suffering a 2-1 loss to the Islanders on Friday. For the story, go to metronews.ca.

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**Horoscopes by Sally Brompton****Aries****March 21 - April 20**

Make a conscious effort to look at the bigger picture. If you don't, you could miss something important with the potential to make you rich.

Taurus**April 21 - May 21**

Neptune, planet of deception, warns you need to treat what you hear today with the utmost suspicion. Someone is trying to put ideas in your head that do not belong there.

Gemini**May 22 - June 21**

You will find yourself in a heated discussion and no way are you going to back down. Why should you when you know that you are right?

Cancer**June 22 - July 23**

Start planning your next major career move. The planets indicate that you know what you want and you know how to get it, so move fast and impress people in positions of authority.

Leo**July 24 - Aug. 23**

If you argue with someone over a contentious issue today, stick to the facts. If you try to bend the truth they will find out and it will ruin your case.

Virgo**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

The news you receive over the next 24 hours could be good or it could be bad — it depends entirely on how you choose to look at it. Do you see the glass as half full or half empty?

Libra**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Whatever disagreements you may have had with loved ones in recent weeks you can iron them out now. Let it be known you don't hold a grudge.

Scorpio**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

You need to streamline your working routine. Decide how much you can comfortably cope with and simply refuse to take on anything more than that.

Sagittarius**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

According to the planets you will be making important decisions over the next 24 hours. The most important thing is that you make it clear to everyone that these decisions are not open to discussion.

Capricorn**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

For some reason you appear to believe that everyone thinks and feels the same as you but what occurs over the next day or two will put you right.

Aquarius**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

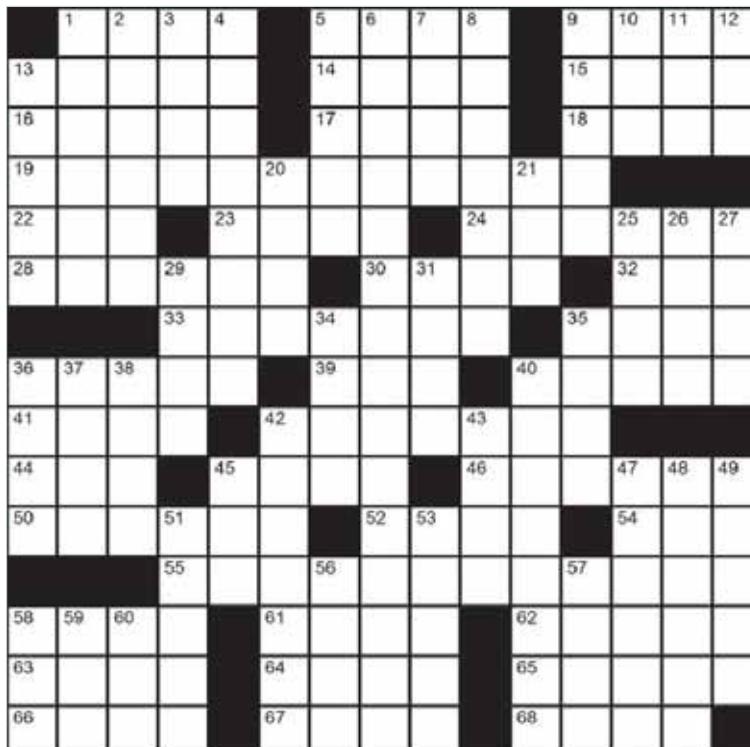
Today's Mercury-Neptune link warns you need to be careful with money, so keep your cash in your pocket no matter how much others insist this is the ideal time to spend.

Pisces**Feb. 20 - March 20**

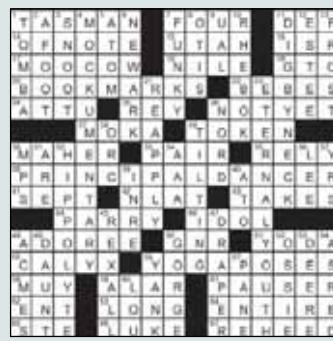
You won't hesitate to speak your mind today — and quite right too. The one thing you can't stand is injustice and you won't turn a blind eye to it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan**Across**

- Filing cabinet abbr.
- "The ___ Silvers Show" (army sitcom)
- Sumo ___ (Canadian band in which Skye Sweetnam is lead singer)
- Ritchie Valens hit
- Vitality
- "___ Flux" (2005)
- Year's historic record
- Excited
- Confine
- Performer who can sing, dance and act: 2 wds.
- Many a moon
- An airport like Toronto's Pearson, briefly
- Montreal neighbourhood, Côte-des-__
- Extent
- Approx. take-offs
- Tony Orlando's tree
- Reaches the destination
- Pro's foe
- Mr. Savard, Montreal-born Hockey Hall of Famer
- Afternoon social
- Excruciating emotion
- Carbamide
- Matthew of Muse
- Storage container
- Gwen Stefani's f.a.s.h.i.o.n. li.n.e.
- Icons
- Trendy travellers
- Fix up once more
- Jazz musician, __ Dara
- What police wear during riots: 2 wds.
- Dawn love song
- NBC chat personality Ms. Kotb
- Really raging
- Blunder
- Bldg. planner
- Electroshock-er
- "I ___ the opinion that..."
- Sesame or poppy
- 911 respondents
- Down
- "Niagara" (1953) actress Marilyn
- Particular period of play
- Cinch
- Pointe-a-__ Museum (Archaeology/history attraction in Old Montreal)
- American actor Oliver born in Windsor, Ontario
- Edmonton's 2,550 foot long landmark that spans the North Saskatchewan River: 3 wds.
- "___ one, think that..."
- Brad Pitt movie, "___ of the Fall" (1994)
- Arid region grow-



- ers
- Approver's reply
- Wheel part
- Nine-minus-eight's sum
- Saw romantically
- Vitality [abbr.]
- Bronze Roman money
- Prop on Chuck Barris' old show
- Ingests food
- Funny bit
- Sitar song
- Greenish-blue
- Any thing
- "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" character
- Topic, tiny-ly
- Fort __, Ontario
- Landlord's collection
- Organic gemstone found in southern Alberta
- Heaps
- Verdi opera
- Singer Ms. Salonga
- Travel from British Columbia through to Nova Scotia: 2 wds.
- Makes happy
- Less uncertain
- Office meeting attendees
- Internet greeting
- Singing quality
- Singer Mr. Parsons (b.1946 - d.1973)
- Classic range cooker company
- Actor, Herbert __
- "Surprise!"

Yesterday's Crossword**Online**

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers

**Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green**

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 Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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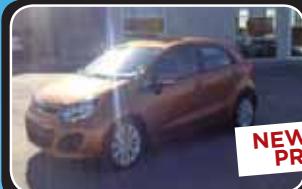
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